

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota is home to 320 dairy farmers who provide a wholesome product that contributes to the good nutrition of the state's families and those beyond its borders; and,

*Whereas*, Dairy farmers provide \$1.28 billion or \$13,584 per cow of economic impact to the state of South Dakota through their production inputs, work force, and further processing; and,

*Whereas*, Dairy farmers in South Dakota follow strict protocols to provide responsible environmental and animal care on their farms, and responsible practices help to make South Dakota a better place to live; and,

*Whereas*, The presence of dairy farms in South Dakota allows the state's citizens access to a local source of food; and,

*Whereas*, Dairy farms are a significant outlet for South Dakota-raised crops, contributing to the overall agricultural and rural economy, which carries through to our towns and cities; and,

*Whereas*, Consumers and dairy farmers alike benefit from increasing the intake of milk, cheese, and yogurt to at least three servings per day:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June, 2012, as,

## *DAIRY MONTH*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State